

<b>Step 2: Choose an occupation and enter average monthly take-home pay in Box A of Step 3.</b>	<b>Average monthly take-home pay* (after payroll deductions)</b>
Food and beverage servers*	1,255
Cooks	1,619
Hairstylists and barbers	1,625
Bakers	1,657
Cleaners	1,714
Creative and performing artists	1,770
Tour and recreational guides	1,822
Retail salespersons and clerks	1,869
Early child educators and assistants	1,885
Secretaries, recorders and transcriptionists	1,955
Photographers	1,964
Bookkeepers	2,015
Chefs	2,127
Graphic designers and illustrators	2,279
Automotive service technicians and truck mechanics	2,340
Motor vehicle body repairers	2,383
Pursers and flight attendants	2,390
Ministers of religion	2,556
Web designers and developers	2,558
Plumbers, pipefitters and gas fitters	2,688
Welders	2,689
Truck drivers	2,732
Paralegal and related occupations	2,884
Electricians (construction and maintenance)	2,945
Dietitians and nutritionists	3,187
Real estate agents and salespersons	3,195
Nurse supervisors and registered nurses	3,211
Insurance agents and brokers	3,218

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Computer programmers & interactive media developers	3,339
Dental hygienists and dental therapists	3,362
Correctional service officers	3,457
Secondary school teachers	3,785
Firefighters	3,945
Safety and health managers	4,201
Program officers unique to government	4,240
Specialists in human resources	4,305
Civil, mechanical, electrical and chemical engineers	4,543
Psychologists	4,626
RCMP officers (after 36 months of duty)	4,674
Pharmacist	4,769
Financial and investment analysts	4,769
Lawyers	5,835
General practitioners and family physicians	7,706
<p>* Source: Service Canada 2006 (adjusted by FCAC for estimated wage increases and deductions) and SK WAGEinfo</p> <p>** Doesn't include tips</p> <p>Income is reduced by as much as 40% to allow for income tax and related deductions. Assumes full-time employment. Part-time employment would have a lower average monthly salary.</p>	

**If your occupation is not listed, do some research to find the average monthly take home pay**

**Step 3:**

**Your chosen career from Step 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your monthly take-home pay from Step 2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Box A**

**Total monthly expenses from Step 1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Box B**

**Monthly difference** \_\_\_\_\_ **(A minus B)**

*Note: If the difference is positive, you can add it to your monthly savings.*

*If it's negative, you can't support your lifestyle with this career.*

***Note: You may not get full time work or top salaries right away, especially if you're pursuing your education.***

***If you're paying for a family, your expenses will be much higher.***